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Takao MURAKAMI et al.) Group Art Unit: 2839
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REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION AFTER FINAL

In reply to the Final Office Action of March 5, 2003, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration in view of the following remarks.

REMARKS

Claims 2-5 are now pending in this application.

In the Final Office Action dated March 5, 2003, the Examiner rejected claim 5 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Emerson et al. (U.S. Patent No. 4,351,582) ("Emerson"). The Examiner further rejected claims 2-4 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Emerson in view of Daoud et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,123,566) ("Daoud"). Applicants respectfully traverse these rejections.

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